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Medical College for Kozhikode.

* 704 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar): Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received any representation in October 1954 from Kozhikode asking for the establishment of a Medical College at Kozhikode; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The President, Indian Medical Association, Malabar Branch, Kozhikode, has been informed that it is not possible to consider at present the question of opening a Medical College at Kozhikode."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" In view of the fact that the building of the Headquarters Hospital was constructed in anticipation of sanction of a Medical College and some money was spent on that, and also in view of the fact that the Malayalee nation is put at a disadvantage by not having a Medical College, will the Government see that a Medical College is sanctioned at least in the coming year? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A programme of Reconstruction of District Headquarters Hospitals is being executed year after year and the reconstruction of the Malabar District Headquarters Hospital is a part of this programme. It is not in connexion with the establishment of a Medical College at Kozhikode that this hospital reconstruction work was done."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" There was a proposal to establish a Medical College at Coimbatore. May I know whether that proposal would be put through, so that while the College may be situated in Tamilnad, Malabar being a border area might also have the benefits of that College? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Government have no proposal to start a Medical College at Coimbatore. It is only the people of the place that were talking about it."

SRI C. H. KANARAN :—" മലബാറിൽനിന്നു ധാരാളം വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾ മെഡിക്കൽ കോളേജിൽ ചേരാൻവേണ്ടി അപേക്ഷിച്ചിട്ടും പല കാരണങ്ങളാലും സീററു കിട്ടാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ലാത്ത നിലയാണുള്ളതു്. മലബാറിലെ വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളുടെ പഠിക്കാനുള്ള ആഗ്രഹത്തെ മനസ്സിലാക്കിക്കൊണ്ടു് എത്രയും വേഗത്തിൽ അവിടെ ഒരു മെഡിക്കൽ കോളേജ് സ്ഥാപിക്കാൻ നടപടി എടുക്കുമോ ? "

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (translation) :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that for want of a Medical College in Malabar students from that area are put to difficulties and do not get proper facilities and conveniences for getting medical education? If so, will Government see that the proposal to open a Medical College there is put through expeditiously? "

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, admission to the Medical Colleges is made on district-war basis. Malabar students are getting fair and adequate representation on population basis."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" Will the Government give an assurance that if at all a Medical College is to be opened in the future in this State, that college will be located at Kozhikode? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" If the Central Government provide funds for starting a Medical College during the Second Five-Year Plan period, this matter may be considered."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" Is there any proposal to open a Medical College in any other place in the State, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The hon. Gentleman may be well aware of the proposal made by Dr Alagappa Chettiar for opening a Medical College for which he will give substantial contributions. A Committee has been appointed for this purpose and they will make a report on this matter."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister was pleased to say that the claims of Malabar will be considered if the Central Government would come forth with their grant or subsidy. I wish to know whether all the Medical Colleges now existing in the State were established with Central Government subsidy or help? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No, Sir, Government are now having the first Five-year Plan of development. The Second Five-year Plan will commence in about a year or so and the Central Government are expected to give aid for starting more medical colleges."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" Sir, may I know the functions of the Committee that is said to have been appointed by the Government? Have they been asked to ascertain whether a Medical College is necessary or not, or have they been asked to select a site for the location of the college . . . ? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" That has nothing to do with the main question. If the Hon. Minister is prepared to answer, I have no objection."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" My question arises out of the reply given by the Hon. Minister, Sir. Has the Committee been asked to find out whether Karaikudi or Tanjore would be suitable for locating the College? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, the Committee will go round and say at which place there are facilities for the college to be established. They will also give us an estimate of the requirements in regard to finances, buildings, equipment and the staff needed for establishing a Medical College and a teaching hospital."

11-10 a.m. Sri S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" The Hon. Minister was pleased to state that a Committee has been appointed to visit and select places like Tanjore and Karaikudi. Can the committee select any place other than those two places? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" It can select any other place."

Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Is it not a fact that the majority of seats in the existing medical colleges are monopolized by students from the Malabar district? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Malabar could not have had such monopoly at any time."

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" The Hon. Minister has stated that if the Central Government provide funds for starting a medical college at Kozhikode, it will be done. Since this matter is left to the Central Government, may I know from the Hon. Minister whether he or this Government is prepared to recommend to them the starting of a medical college at Kozhikode with their funds? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Proposals for the Second Five-Year Plan have not yet been formulated."

East and West Eleri Road.

* 705 Q.—Sri M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to construct a road through the villages of East Eleri and West Eleri joining the Udayanchat-Kunnamkai road in Kasaragod taluk, South Kanara district?

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" There is no proposal to construct a road through the villages of East Eleri and West Eleri joining the Udayanchat–Kunnamkai road in Kasaragod taluk, South Kanara district. But, the work of forming a road from West Eleri to join the Udayanchat–Kunnamkai road has been included in the Five-Year Plan of road development and it will be taken up for execution in its turn in the Plan."

Sri M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" The villages mentioned in the question comprising an area of about 55 square miles with a population of about 7,000 have no communication facilities